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Sweet Tea, Cornbread and the Thunderbirds

BY INGRID MURRAY
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No matter how many duty stations you go to, there are always one or two things you miss about where you grew up. Two of those things for me are sweet tea and cornbread.

When we got stationed out here, I learned the hard way that if you order sweet tea you get Raspberry Tea. Also, try to make cornbread and somehow the altitude affects how it turns out. So I pretty much have conceded to doing without.

One day, my husband called and invited me out to lunch. So I went and met him at his office. We then headed to the Thunderbird Dining Facility. I assumed he had to check into something there before we went to eat, but he told me that we were going to eat at the Thunderbird Dining facility. Oh No! I had always heard about "Army food," so I knew I would be able to get out of this pretty

quickly. I told him that I only thought soldiers could eat there. He shook his head and explained that anyone could, although their primary mission was to feed soldiers. On any given day, contractors, federal employees or people from the RV park could be seen eating at the DFAC. So I pulled his arm and admitted that I had always heard about "Army food," lumpy gray stuff that was put on a piece of stale bread and other things people could not describe. My husband shook his head and said that was not the case. So, we entered the Thunderbird Dining Facility. My husband paid \$3.50; I was thinking how cheap that was and at least we wouldn't waste that much money, since I knew I was not going to like it.

As we were standing in line, I noticed soldiers eating "real food". I looked at my husband and asked where the gray lumpy stuff was I had heard about. He just shook his head and smiled. As we approached the serving lines, I couldn't

believe my eyes: real food, good old southern cooking, piles of barbecue chicken and ribs, fried chicken, ham hocks, and catfish to choose from. Then we moved on to the vegetables: choices of yams, turnip greens, red beans and rice, and baked macaroni. My husband was looking at me, grinning from ear to ear. At the end of the line was golden cornbread so large it was baked in muffin cups. So pretty and golden, it brought tears to my eyes! As we went and got our drinks, I told my husband that I couldn't believe it. He smiled, and said it got better and pointed to the sweet tea, more tears. Then I saw the salad bar, and there was, of course, mounds of potato salad -- a true southern staple.

We sat down and enjoyed one of the best meals I have had since leaving Alabama ... and it was "Army food." I told my husband I was, as the saying goes ... "full as a tick." My husband said that it was to bad, and went to get desert. There

were so many desserts to choose from: fresh pies, pastries, ice cream and slices of fresh watermelon. He returned with vanilla bean ice cream and watermelon, and was grinning as he ate.

While we were eating, I noticed that the Thunderbird staff made sure that things were running smoothly, from ensuring the tables were kept clean to getting hot sauce for soldiers. I learned that every day of the week the dining facility featured different specialties such as Mexican and Asian.

After eating we took our trays up to be emptied. This was something else I liked, no dishes to wash. As we headed back to my husband's office, I told him that never again would I make jokes about Army food, as the soldiers of the 11th Signal Brigade Dining Facility had shown me "real food." So now I can say I tried Army food and loved it ... so much that every Thursday, Soul Food Day, you will find me with my husband at the Thunderbird Dining Facility.

Scout On The Street

How did you celebrate the New Year?



CARRIE GROVE
FAMILY MEMBER

We stayed home and spent it with just our immediate family--my three kids and husband and I.



RONDA FRUEHAUFF
SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

I spent the New Year with my family and enjoyed lots of family experiences.



DAWN MILLER

We sat out in the gazebo out in the yard and enjoyed beautiful Arizona weather and brought in the New Year



BOB PIETRUSIEWICZ
IMD

I celebrated it quietly at home with family and friends.



JULI THOMEY
FAMILY MEMBER

We went to a movie, had sushi and went home and tried to stay awake until midnight.

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Phone book recycling program begins Jan 4

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This year's Telephone Book Recycling Program will start January 4 and will run through February 5.

Area residents are urged to do their part by simply disposing of their outdated telephone directories at any of the City's convenient drop-off recycling locations where they'll find receptacles labeled "phonebook" on the top.

Drop-off sites are located at the Recycling Center, 1224 North Avenue; Ethel Berger Center; Target; Fry's Food and Drug; Osco Drug and Ace Hardware parking lots; and the Mall at Sierra Vista, the Avenida Cochise side.

This program has received the enthusiastic response of our community in past years, and has even been showcased in the publication Arizona Recycling Review.

This year, local schools between Grades 1 through 8 will also be actively involved in the collection process. The Department of Public Works and other local sponsors will hold a contest challenging students and schools to collect the highest number of telephone directories. The top class in each school will win a free pizza party provided by the program sponsors. The top school

and runner-up will each receive the prestigious "Recycling Award of Excellence." Sponsors include Horizon Moving Systems, Peter Piper Pizza, Qwest DEX, and the City of Sierra Vista.

Questions or comments concerning this or other environmental programs should be directed to the Department of Public Works Public Services Division at 458-5775.

EEO Office recruiting Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediators

Valuable training offered for DA civilians and Soldiers

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In order to meet Department of the Army requirements, prospective mediators will attend a five-day training program which must lead to certification. The training will be conducted by two certified individuals from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute. This training is scheduled for 13-17 February, from 0800-1600, Bldg. 22328, EEO/EO conference room.

The Installation Equal Employment Opportunity Office, U.S. Army Garrison, is presently recruiting individuals interested in

serving as collateral duty ADR mediators. These individuals play a vital role in the Department of the Army's civilian discrimination complaints process.

The mediator's role is that of a neutral and impartial third party, skilled in the art of negotiation, and has no decision making authority. They assist in clarifying issues, identifying underlying causes, and assist the parties to arrive at appropriate remedies to resolve workplace problems.

Any individual interested in serving as a mediator should first advise their supervisor of their interest to such an assignment and

then contact the EEO office. Minimum requirements include that the interested party must have at least one year remaining in their current assignment, for active duty military, hold a minimum of a GS-07 or equivalent or E-7 or above, have good verbal and written communication skills, and be objective. With a well staffed resource pool, each mediator should be required to conduct two to three mediations per year, thereby impacting minimally on their primary mission.

Mediating complaints of discrimination and workplace disputes provides an excellent avenue to develop skills which are required in

many career fields. It enables an individual to work and communicate effectively with all levels of employees and management, to review regulations and policies regarding personnel management, to interface with various organizational elements, and to facilitate resolution of complaints in innovative manners.

Every federal employee plays a role in the success of the Equal Employment Opportunity program. Mediation is just one way – an important way – of contributing to the program's success and the overall readiness of the Army's mission.

For more information, please contact the EEO office at 538-0277, or via email: martha.aoki@us.army.mil, no later than 3 February 2006.

Wings Over Willcox Nature and Birding Festival just three weeks away

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Nature lovers will be glad to know that Arizona's only winter birding festival, the annual Wings Over Willcox Nature and Birding Festival, is just around the corner. Help get your 2006 birding year off to a great start at the January 12-15 festival, which promises to be more exciting than ever.

Something new this year has been on-line registration for tours and events, which enables registrants to immediately know what tours are still available. Many tours have already sold out, so don't waste any time in securing your spot on a tour. Just visit www.wingsoverwillcox.com to reserve your seat on a guided tour or for the evening banquet, or call the Willcox Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-200-2272 to register.

Wildlife Biologist Roderick Drewien will be the festival's key-

note speaker. For more than thirty-five years, Drewien has studied the movements, life histories, and conservation challenges facing cranes in western North America. He will share his extensive knowledge of the cranes' annual cycles, from their breeding grounds, through their migration stopovers, to their wintering areas.

The Willcox Playa of southeastern Arizona provides a winter home for all three migratory races of Sandhill Cranes that occur in western North America and northern Mexico. The largest, the Greater Sandhill Crane, nests, migrates and mainly winters in the western U.S. The Canadian race and the Lesser race are found in the western U.S. and northern Mexico only as spring-fall migrants and winter residents. Early morning tours allow visitors to experience the exhilaration of the lift-off, as cranes fly from roost-

ing areas to feeding grounds. Tours later in the day allow views of cranes foraging in nearby corn fields.

There is incredible diversity in the tours offered, which makes WOW fun for the entire family, not just the birders. History tours include treks to Fort Bowie, a local mine; the Amerind Foundation Museum; and an archaeological excavation. A Historic Home Tour is a special treat this year; information on this self-guided tour will be available at the WOW registration desk. A walk through the giant Eurofresh tomato farm or a visit to a working ranch provides insights into the importance of agriculture. Photography workshops teach new skills. Geology tours visit Chiricahua National Monument.

But if you're coming for feathers, there will be plenty of birding tours too! The usual favorites,

Hawk Stalks and Sparrow Seeks, are back. Other tours will visit mountains, grasslands, and wetlands. A new Beginning Birding tour will be led in Spanish. Bird-viewing blinds have been constructed this year at Cochise Lake. They include spotting scopes for close-up viewing of the waterfowl and shorebirds that frequent the lake.

And, of course, there are four days of free seminars for the whole family, with topics including astronomy, bats, hummingbirds, and hawks. A trade fair featuring books, arts and crafts, and nature gear also runs throughout the weekend. Complete details are available on the WOW website, www.wingsoverwillcox.com.

So plan to spend January 12-15 at the 13th annual Wings Over Willcox Birding and Nature Festival. Register now and don't miss the fun!

Major highlights from 2005

January AAFES gives back to MWR

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB

SCOUT STAFF

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service wraps up the 2004 fiscal year next Saturday and the local AAFES has given \$345,000 back to Fort Huachuca Morale Welfare and Recreation as of November.

"If you shop AAFES first, you're helping yourself," Post Exchange General Manager Stanley Young said. "If they spend it here, it goes back on post."

He also emphasized that shopping at AAFES saves customers about 28 percent compared to civilian competitors. "The amount you save on post, you can't beat it."

Even after the savings, AAFES manages to put back approximately 4 cents for every dollar spent at AAFES toward the MWR dividend.

Last year, the MWR received \$435,000 in dividends from the local AAFES while AAFES worldwide gave \$229 million back to the military.

The Fort Huachuca AAFES also gives back to the military community with a \$200-value coupon book to all Soldiers of the quarter and other similar awardees. It assists the local Mayor's group, FRGs and spouses' clubs.

AAFES is a Department of Defense entity that operates on military posts and in theaters of war. Mark-ups on items pay for employee wages, utilities such as electricity, and maintenance on its fixed assets like buildings. AAFES is self-generating, so it costs nothing to Soldiers or civilian tax payers for its operation.

February All Army Boxing begins

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE

SCOUT STAFF

The All Army Boxing Championships kicked off at Fort Huachuca Tuesday with eight Army athletes fighting for a place in the Armed Forces Boxing Championships in February.

The participating Soldiers come from Army posts worldwide and they are "the best their units have to offer," said Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca.

In the first bout, a Sgt. Virginia Lavalley, Fort Myer, Va. and Spc. Alyssa Corcoran, Fort Bliss, Texas exchanged a barrage of punches to the face and head. Just two seconds from the end of the first round, Lavalley defeated Corcoran by an eight second count, winning the bout.

Bout two pitted Sgt. Cherrie Moyer, Ansbach, Germany against Staff Sgt. Lilia Maxilom, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The bout lasted through the entire four rounds, but this match was also called on an eight count on Maxilom. Moyer, who's boxing at All Army level for the third time, said she didn't do as well as she should have. "I've got some things

to work on [for Saturday's championship bouts]."

The third bout of the night ended almost as quickly as it began with Spc. Marcus Dawkins, Fort Carson, Colo. destroying Pfc. Joseph Smallwood, Gieblestadt, Germany with a knock out punch 52 seconds into the first round of the bout.

The final bout was the most anticipated fight of the evening, featuring Fort Huachuca's own Spc. Nathaniel Hicks. Hicks' fellow unit members were out in full force and the whole of Fort Huachuca was cheering him on. During the first three rounds, Hicks was showing the confidence of having the crowd's support, but in the final round a few good shots to the head by opponent Spc. Trent Clark, Fort Carson, Colo. smothered his fire. Clark out-pointed Hicks for the win.

The All Army Boxing Championships continue tonight, with the championship bouts on Saturday night.

Fort Huachuca has a long and rich boxing tradition and is the home of Army boxing. The installation will once again host the Armed Forces Boxing Championships in February.

Seeing stars

Brig. Gen. Brian Keller, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, receives congratulations from Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Haubrich upon receiving his first star. Keller was promoted in an intimate ceremony Friday at the Military Intelligence Museum. Keller requested the small ceremony saying that a big, elaborate ceremony was completely unnecessary when the country is in a time of war. Keller's stars were pinned on his Class A jacket by his wife, Diane, and Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast. His father changed over the rank on his beret and his sons, Chris and Danny, changed over his shoulder boards on his Class A shirt.



Scout Photo

Boxing preliminaries continue

The All Army Boxing Championships preliminary bouts continued Thursday night, with eight more Soldiers exchanging punches in hopes of making it to the Championships on Saturday night as well as the Armed Forces Boxing Championships in February.

To secure the All Army spot, Soldiers have to fight against their friends from the All Army Boxing training camp, which ran earlier this month at Fort Huachuca.

In the first bout, Fort Huachuca's Christina Boilard destroyed Sgt. Viridiana Lavalley, Fort Myer, Va., securing a 48-38 point win.

Spc. Quentin McCoy, Fort Carson, Colo. also out-pointed his opponent, Spc. Trent Clark, also of Fort Carson, 30-20. "He was a lot tougher than I thought he would be," McCoy said of his opponent.

The battle between Staff Sgt. Yamar Resto, Fort Carson, and Pfc. Paul Eghareva, Fort Drum, N.Y. ended one minute and 35 seconds into round three when the bout was called on a technical knockout in favor of Yamar.

The evening's final bout was quick and thrilling, with Spc. Travis Walker, Fort Sill, Okla. knocking out Sgt. Eric Raymon, Taegu, Korea, 46 seconds into the first round. "I just react, I don't think," Walker said of his boxing success.

Boxers will get some recovery and additional training time Friday before they return to the ring for the championship bouts on Saturday night.

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Boxing concludes, All Army team named

The final night of the All Army Boxing Championships left some Soldiers proud, some defeated and some hoarse. Barnes Field House was filled to the rafters Saturday night with cheering Soldiers and the ring held boxers with images of gold dancing in their heads.

A gold medal on Championship night meant a slot on the All-Army team and each Soldier athlete was giving their all in the ring. For many of the boxers, this was their second or third night of boxing. There were preliminary bouts fought on Wednesday and Thursday night.

Many of the bouts were match bouts, meaning the outcome of the bout didn't matter in the All Army scheme of things because the fighters were unopposed in their weight class. No other fighters in your weight class guarantees a spot on the team.

The first match bout pitted a pair of Fort Huachuca Soldiers against each other making it difficult for the crowd to know who to cheer for. In the end, Spc. Christina Boilard dominated all four rounds and outpointed Staff Sgt. Lilia Maxilom, 47-36.

There was also a match bout between CISM gold medalist 1st Lt. Boyd Melson and Spc. Trent Clark, both from Fort Carson, Colo. Clark, who

outweighed Melson by 14 pounds, couldn't defend against Melson's speedy punches and movements. Melson outpointed Clark, 33-22.

The more competitive matches were the ones that were determining the Soldiers All Army fates.

In the men's 141-lb. weight class, Spc. David Gallegos and Spc. Marcus Dawkins kept the fighting fast and furious and the crowd entertained. After getting an eight count in round one, Gallegos found a renewed energy and pummeled Dawkins through the next three rounds, winning 36-25.

In the men's 165-lb. weight class, there were five Soldiers competing for the All Army position. Clark was already out of the running following the preliminary bouts on the nights before. For championship night, Pfc. Paul Eghareva, Fort Drum, N.Y. fought Pfc. Nathaniel Hicks, Fort Huachuca, and Staff Sgt. Yamar Resto fought Spc. Quentin McCoy, both of Fort Carson. The Fort Huachuca fans went wild following Hicks' 25-18 win, getting which netted him the bronze medal. McCoy defeated the recently redeployed Resto 33-32 for the All Army slot.

For the 178-lb. spot Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii defeated Spc. Travis Walker, Fort Sill, Okla., by technical knock out in the fourth round with only a few seconds left on the clock. Walker spent most of the bout trying to avoid Downs' lengthy reach and didn't get the chance to attack very much.

In the final bout, the super heavy weight class

duked it out. Pfc. Corey Stewart, Fort Carson, dominated the bout versus Pfc. Colton Bettez, Fort Drum, winning 15-7.

The 2005 All Army Boxing Team is:

Women

119 – Spc. Alyssa Corcoran, Fort Bliss, Texas

125 – Sgt. Viridiana Lavalley, Fort Meyer, Va.

132 – Spc. Christina Boilard, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

138 – Staff Sgt. Lilia Maxilom, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Men

119 – Spc. John Franklin, Fort Carson, Colo.

132 – Spc. James Villa, Fort Lewis, Wash.

141 – Spc. David Gallegos, Fort Carson, Colo.

152 – 1st Lt. Boyd Melson, Fort Carson, Colo.

165 – Spc. Quentin McCoy, Fort Carson, Colo.

178 – Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

201 – Sgt. Joe Guzman, Fort Carson, Colo.

201+ – Pfc. Corey Stewart, Fort Carson, Colo.

These Soldiers will represent the Army at the 2005 Armed Forces Boxing Championships here Feb. 17-19. The currently reigning Army team will go up against the Air Force, Navy and Marines.

Fast assumes command of Fort Huachuca

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and civilians gathered on historic Brown Parade Field to welcome the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca's new commanding general, Maj. Gen. Barbara G. Fast during her assumption of command

ceremony March 16.

More than 500 servicemembers, at their polished and pressed best, stood on the 120-year old parade field awaiting her first official review of her troops.

Fast said the people on the parade field were just a small representation of the greatest servicemembers she's ever known.

The major general reviewed her Fort Huachuca team with Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and Brig. Gen. Brian A. Keller, deputy commanding general, USAIC&FH and the ceremony's commander of troops.

"Today is a great day for the Army as we welcome a top notch commander to the Intel school and Fort Huachuca,"

Byrnes said. "We're entrusting the vital military intelligence mission to a most gifted leader and combat veteran ... with an infectious enthusiasm," Byrnes continued. "She's the right leader to lead this pivotal organization ... at this time of war."

With Fast taking command, the intelligence school should be prepar-

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Bataan – more than a really long walk

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Some 3,500 people congregated Sunday at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico to undertake a grueling 26.2-mile march through sand, up and over hills, around mountains and into gusty winds.

The 16th annual Bataan Memorial Death March commemorates the ordeal of American and Filipino prisoners of war who had been surrendered to the Japanese and forced to march more than 60 miles under extremely trying conditions. They had little to no food or water, and disease was rampant. Thousands of prisoners died along the way.

The Sunday event included participants from all over the country, both military and civilian. Marchers included: German soldiers, Canadian soldiers, marathon runners, The event included Amputees from recent U.S. military actions and people who were marching in honor of family members or friends who had been in the original Death March.

Despite the arduous character of Sunday's road march, it was nothing in comparison to the event it commemorates.

There were Soldiers who were looking at the march as a physical challenge and competed against each other to see who could complete the course fastest while laden with 35 pounds of gear. Some people choose not to carry the weight and still found the march chal-

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ing itself for a transition into an even more war-fighting minded training center.

Fast spoke of working to improve Soldiers’ cultural awareness of the areas they’re working in and improving the speed with which battlefield lessons learned are being implemented in the classroom.

“My first priority is to prepare ready Soldiers to go into combat,” Fast said. “We train relevant, ready

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who go into harm’s way.”

Showing that “infectious enthusiasm,” Fast said she was excited about the intelligence personnel coming out of Fort Huachuca. “[Intelligence] prevents casualties ... it saves lives,” she said.

“I’m ready to provide commanders and the Nation with the best intelligence Soldiers our Nation can produce,” Fast affirmed.

And Fast should know good intelligence Soldiers, she is one herself. During her 28 years of commissioned service, she’s served in intelligence units all over the world. Most recently, she served as the C2 Multi-national Force – Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She’s also been at the helm of Fort Huachuca before, as the deputy commanding general of USAIC&FH. Fast holds a bachelors degree in German, a master’s degree in business administration and a doctorate of laws.

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lenging. None had to endure what the POWs did 63 years ago.

We trained for months in advance to prepare. We’d known this event is but a shadow of what occurred in World War II, but it wasn’t the foremost thought while my team trained. That changed for me at the onset of Sunday’s event.

Things began with a brief ceremony honoring survivors of the original Death March, several of whom

were present. After honoring the colors and a reading of a brief history, there was a roll call to recognize the original Death March survivors from New Mexico who had passed away since last year’s event.

Suddenly all the training and planning I had assisted in, was overshadowed by the presence of these brave Soldiers who had endured so much. It was utterly amazing that they had survived the exceptional odds against them and were standing there decades

later, a living example of an undertaking of heroic proportions.

We were moved by the opening ceremony. We had come to walk weren’t expecting such an emotional response. We were all touched in different ways.

“No mama, no papa, no Uncle Sam” was their motto. They were alone and surely felt abandoned.

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What does that do to a person?

The first group left at 6:30 a.m., shaking hands with Bataan survivors before crossing the starting line. I welcomed their attention. The memory of shaking hands with them and looking into their eyes was the impetus for the reflections that would occur to me continually over the next 26-plus miles.

The first few miles passed quickly and painlessly. Most people can walk several miles without too much difficulty, and this was evident by the pace and happy chatter of the marchers early in the chilly morning. Maybe this wasn't going to be that difficult. My teammates were in a good mood and eager to keep a brisk pace. The trail was heavy with traffic. Small children laughed and ran past us.

We stopped to adjust clothing and footwear and to grab fruit and power drinks. The cool morning had gotten somewhat sunny about two hours into the hike and the top layers of our clothing had to be stripped.

By mile eight we were upon the highway through the craggy Organ Mountains next to the installation. We steadily climbed about 1,000 feet over the next few miles. Some of my teammates began

to fall behind.

North of the highway, there was a large loop around a mountain. The marathon runners had gone around and were already entering the final third of their journey.

Even though I was enjoying myself and felt fine, I envied them. At the time I didn't think it would take me long to get to that same point.

The day got windier, the trail harder. We had to stop and regroup several times because we'd stretched ourselves out along the trail. I was good to go, but some of my teammates required a slower pace.

A van carrying the original survivors passed us. Its occupants surveyed the scene.

"In the true Death March, the surrendered had no options," the official march Web site, www.bataanmarch.com states. "They helped each other through the ordeal just to stay alive."

I thought about the real Death March, and felt glad for the water I was carrying. I was glad for my comfortable shoes too. I could not imagine having been worn down by combat and then finding myself at the mercy of an enemy I had been trying to kill. I could not imagine the stress

they had to go through or the magnitude of the challenges they faced. Our little march was challenging to most people. Theirs was not only more challenging and a struggle to finish, but a struggle just to survive.

The trail that had originally been so crowded was beginning to thin out. Faster hikers sped ahead while weaker participants fell behind. Another teammate began to slow down. I could understand why — he has a permanent no-running profile due to a torn knee ligament. That he had agreed to train and go with us was pretty brave. The toll was beginning to wear on him as the miles passed.

The last third of the trail was starting to get to me. Where once there was happy chatter, there was now only a determined silence. We encountered more injured. Even this event, which so many had trained for and willingly chose to participate in, was taking its toll. After 20 or so miles, even physically fit Soldiers are going to feel some strain.

I stayed with my friend and his knee pain. Earlier in the march he'd been cursing his own stupidity for entering, even though he'd known the effort would cost him. I knew now he didn't want to talk about his suffering, and I hoped my

silent support would help him. He silently pushed himself on just as others have before him. A steady wind fought us, but I drew pride from our strength of will. Yet that strength was still probably only a fraction of what the original survivors had endured.

We kept close together. Everyone was tiring. We needed to keep our eyes on each other, ready to lend support and encouragement if needed. By the time the finish line was in sight, we had regrouped and crossed it together.

Waiting there for us was another original survivor. It was good to have someone there to witness what we had undertaken in their honor, under the knowledgeable eye of someone who had been there. Just as we had recognized the survivors, so had they recognized us.

Blistered, sore and sunburned, my team was grateful to see the end. It would take several days to recover fully from the physical experience. And still it couldn't compare to what those earlier survivors had endured physically mentally and spiritually, 63 years prior. Even after walking more than 26 miles, I still cannot express the gratitude and respect I feel for the true heroes, the survivors, and those who paid with all they had.

April

Holocaust remembrance

BY SGT. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

The Holocaust was one of the worst cases of genocide in human history. Atrocities of a magnitude that most Americans in this day and age cannot fathom occurred more than 60 years ago on another continent. Remarkably, there are not only witnesses to, but also survivors of this ghastly event who are willing to recount the horrors they saw and lived through.

Days of Remembrance, a Holocaust remembrance observance was held Tuesday on post, and included the visit and testimonies of Holocaust survivors and liberators — the Allied soldiers who freed prisoners from the many death camps the Nazis had established.

These brave souls grapple with memories that would cripple those with less indomitable spirits. And they share these memories with as many people as they can so such a

tragedy never happens again.

Irving Senor, who was living in Greece when the Germans conquered the country, recalled Jews being rounded up into a ghetto. Senor said he was taken to work on railroad construction for seven months, and when he came back, the 60,000 Jews in the town were gone. Two weeks later, he was taken to Auschwitz, where a serial number was tattooed on his right forearm, a mark he bears to this day.

He eventually was taken to Dachau, a concentration camp near Munich, after enduring a five-day march with only a loaf of bread to eat. He said he worked for seven months there carrying 100-pound bags of cement with his 70-pound body.

One day toward the end of World War II, he recalled standing in line for roll call when one of the guards wanted to shoot the prisoners. The guard was told not to shoot because an engineer in a nearby bunker didn't want to clean up afterward. The next

day, Senor said he saw an American tank at the gate of the prison, signaling the end of their captivity.

"I didn't think I would come out alive from this camp," he said. "But always there is a little hope."

After the war, Senor moved to the United States and currently spends time going to schools to talk about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor.

"Some people don't believe it happened," he said. Senor went on to explain that he wants people to know so they tell their children and perhaps this knowledge will help prevent future tragedies.

"The only thing I have to say is never lose hope and never hate nobody," he said.

Another survivor, Selma Neuhauser, was smuggled out of Vienna to Sweden as a child. She said her parents were unable to get out of Austria themselves, but she received letters from them for several years, mailed from a concentration camp. She found out later that her whole

family perished in Auschwitz.

Neuhauser said she came to the United States to live with her one surviving aunt and eventually was married and had two daughters. She said her survival and the wonderful education that her children have received all goes to spite Hitler.

She speaks regularly at schools about her experiences and when people say they doubt whether or not the Holocaust actually happened, her response is, "Where is my whole family?"

Rosa Freund, who was taken from her home in Hungary and whose mother was taken directly to the gas chamber at Auschwitz after they were "sorted," can tell stories of being forced to work barefoot on the snowy slopes of the Alps.

But the stories from the Holocaust aren't only from those who lived through the vicious persecution. Dallas Peyton was an Army machine gunner, a private first class

Survivors, liberator bring message to Fort Huachuca

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when the Americans liberated the Dachau concentration camp. Sixty years later, he recalls what he saw there with unhidden tears. He said he remembers seeing railcars full of prisoners in striped uniforms. Later he found out they were not prisoners, but dead bodies brought to the camp for disposal.

He also recalled seeing two "living skeletons" walk toward each other after the liberation, and when they were within yards of each other, recognized each other and laughed and hugged. He didn't know whether or not they were related or just knew each other.

He said some of the memories are fuzzy because of time, but some are totally blacked out because they

were so horrible.

Fighting back tears he said, "I just saw it. But don't let anybody tell me it didn't happen. It did happen."

"We will not forget or forgive what they did," Neuhauser said. "But we do not hate anyone. We must learn to live with each other, even with our differences."

May

BRAC announcement made

BY TANJA LINTON

USAIC&FH MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER

The Department of Defense announced Friday the Secretary of Defense's recommendations on the Base Realignment and Closure. The recommendations retain Fort Huachuca but do include a realignment that will result in a small overall decrease, about 167 civilians, in the number of personnel employed at Fort Huachuca.

The recommendations, which affect installations nationwide as the military strives to align its infrastructure with the needs of a more efficient and effective force, will be reviewed by a nine-member independent BRAC Commission. The Commission, chaired by former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi, must submit its

recommendations to President Bush by Sept. 8.

Commanders of installations affected by BRAC 2005 were notified of their status this morning, shortly after Members of Congress were notified. Prior to the announcement, installations were only involved in the process by providing a broad range of specified data and information for evaluation.

Installation personnel were not involved in the evaluation or selection of bases affected by BRAC, a process that was closely guarded within the Defense Department to ensure fairness and rigor in evaluating data objectively. All information used by the department to make its recommendations will be provided to the BRAC Commission as it deliberates the list through the summer.

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, the commander of U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, made the following statement upon being notified this morning of the base's status: "BRAC recommendations are always difficult but they are necessary for transforming the Army into a force America needs in a changing world with new threats."

Focusing on Fort Huachuca, Fast said, "We are committed to taking care of our people and doing what's right for our Soldiers, our military and our nation."

"The BRAC Commission will make the final recommendation to the President. The decision process is ongoing and will not be finalized until November 2005 at the earliest. We will keep the community fully informed as we go through this process," Fast added.

The BRAC Commission will hold regional meetings to solicit public input prior to making its recommendations to the President in September for his review and approval. They may hold one in the Sierra Vista area, but it has not yet been scheduled. The President then forwards the recommendations to Congress which has 45 legislative days to act on the report. Under the BRAC statute, actions to close or realign an installation must be initiated within two years after congressional approval, with completion in six years.

For current information on BRAC and how it affects installations nationwide, visit the DoD BRAC Web site at www.dod.mil/brac and the Army BRAC Web site at <http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/braco.htm>.

International spouse support group

Army Community Service invites all international spouses to join this support group, which will meet at 6 p.m., Jan. 6 at the ACS Building 50010. The group offers the opportunity to meet new people, network and relax. You can also pick up tips on American culture and the military lifestyle.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

PTSD Discussion Group

Army Community Service will hold a discussion group concerning post traumatic stress disorder at 6 p.m., Jan. 9, and again, at 6 p.m., Jan. 26 at the ACS Building 50010.

PTSD is a psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experience or witnessing of life-threatening events.

Register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Relocation Workshops

Army Community Service is offering a relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move at the following times and dates: 1:30 p.m., Jan. 9; 1:30 p.m., Jan. 19; and 6 p.m., Jan. 25. All workshops will be held at the ACS Building 50010. The workshops will discuss expectations, entitlements and budgeting for the move.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Germany orientation

Army Community Service will offer a Germany orientation at 6 p.m., Jan. 19, at the ACS Building 50010, for Soldiers and family members going to Germany for the first time.

The class is free, but registration is required by calling ACS at 533-2330 or 533-6874.

New FRG Training

Family Readiness Groups are now governed by the Army Commander's Guide to Family Readiness Groups, Oct. '05. This guide changes and clarifies the way FRGs conduct business.

Army Community Service will present new guidance pertaining to running Family Readiness Groups for all Commanders, First Sergeants and FRG leaders at 6 p.m., Jan. 10 at Murr Community Center.

Please register by contacting ACS at 533-2330 or e-mailing pamela.j.allen@hua.army.mil.

Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Welcome - newcomer's orientations - are scheduled for 9 a.m., Jan. 11, and again, at 9 a.m., Jan. 27 at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide information about the installation and the community. A tour of the post is provided

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

Korea orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Korea orientation, 1:30 p.m., Jan. 11; at 6 p.m., Jan. 18; and at 6 p.m., Jan. 31, at the ACS Building 50010, for Soldiers and family members going to Korea for the first time.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Families in Waiting Support Group

The next meeting of the newly formed Families in Waiting Support Group will be held at 6 p.m., Jan. 12 at the New Beginnings Child Development Center, Building 48101.

This group offers support for families of services members who are deployed or on a hardship tour. Free child care is available with advanced registration.

Register by calling Army Community Service at 533-2330 or e-mailing pamela.j.allen@hua.army.mil.

Unit sponsorship training

Good sponsorship is an important factor in the quality of life of the inbound Soldier and family members.

Let Army Community Service assist your unit in training effective sponsors. Sponsorship training will be held 1:30 p.m., Jan. 12; at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 18; and, at 1:30

p.m., Jan. 26, at the ACS Building 50010.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Smooth Move for Kids

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 2 p.m., Jan. 13 at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop is designed to help ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service holds the following financial readiness classes on a monthly basis: checkbook management, 9 - 11:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of the month at the ACS Building 50010; budget planning class, 9 - 11:30 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the ACS Building 50010; and financial readiness training, 1 - 5 p.m., the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

The financial readiness training class is mandatory for first-termers, E-4 and below. Others are welcome to attend the training also.

The Personal Financial Readiness Program also offers classes to units on a by request basis.

Register by calling ACS, 533-2330, or for more information, call Leigh Henderson at 533-2437.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday	4 p.m.	Main Post
Confession		
Saturday	5 p.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Mass		

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post
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Catholic

Main Post Chapel

CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Adult	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Apologetics		
Adoration of the	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Sacrament Blessed		
Korean OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.

Protestant

Main Post Chapel

PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Women's Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship		
Adult/Youth	Sunday	8 a.m.
Sunday School		
Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday	

Men's Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Women's Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Adult Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Thursday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Youth Emphasis	4th Saturday	
Saturdays		
Drama Team	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Youth Min. Staff	Saturday	10 a.m.
& Parents Meeting		
Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Rehearsal		

<u>Murr Community Center</u>		
Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
Pre-teens Study		
Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	
Meetings		

Women's Ministry	2nd Sunday	
Meetings		
Youth Ministry	3rd Sunday	
Meetings		
Adult Usher	4th Sunday after service	
Meetings		
Men's Ministry	Saturday	8 a.m.
Bible Study		
Women's Choir	5th Saturday	11 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Muslim Prayer

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday	10 a.m.	Main Post
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Appearance of Fort housing areas

FROM THE HOUSING OFFICE

Spring has definitely arrived in the desert of Fort Huachuca. Visitors continue to visit our National Historic Landmark as well as other local attractions. We have a significant challenge and opportunity to make Fort Huachuca shine. Just as we all spruce up our homes for friends, families and visitors, we need to keep our post's visitors in mind as well. Spring is also an excellent opportunity for the Housing Division to remind residents of the garrison commander's policy on the appearance of our communities.

Basketball goals, trampolines, swing-sets, etc. must be placed safely in backyards and removed from streets,

front yards or driveways. If the equipment cannot be safely placed and used in backyards, they should be removed and stored. Moving basketball goals from roadways and parking areas not only improves the appearance of the areas but insures safety of our children from traffic.

Weeds and grasses are currently growing wildly and should be mowed, pulled or removed in order to improve your yards. Fences should be inspected to make sure they are safe and secure and repairs done as necessary. Carport areas are for storage of vehicles only and not excess household goods, boxes, lawn equipment, etc.

Recreational vehicles to include motor homes, trailers, un-mounted camper bodies, boats, utility trailers, boat trailers, or ATV's will not be allowed in housing ar-

eas. They may be at quarters temporarily for loading/unloading over weekends/holidays, but must be removed by 4:00 p.m. the first installation duty day following the weekend. This temporary parking is not authorized on yard areas or impeding or denying access to roads or parking areas.

Recreational vehicles may be stored at the MWR secure RV lot at Irwin and Jim Streets for a fee or at the new RV parking space at Carter and Lebo which is at the owner's own risk, but no fee. Exceptions to parking in these two sites will only be if the recreational vehicle can fit 100% in a garage with the door closed.

Unit sponsors and housing agents continue to monitor the exterior appearances of our homes. Citations will be given, when necessary, in order bring them to the installation's standards. Please take pride in your homes and our post by taking the time to spruce up your homes and communities.

June Thunderbird DFAC reopens

1LT ANDREA PRATT
11TH SIG PAO

For almost three months, Soldiers of the 11th Signal Brigade had to trek all the way across post for their daily meals, occasionally running into

large student crowds and running out of time.

If they didn't have cars, they took short buses or filled each others' vehicles to dine in the Military Intelligence Dining Facility in Prosser Village instead of eating in their familiar and conveniently centrally located Thunderbird

DFAC, which sits right in the middle of all of their barracks.

Those hassles are over now, as a \$225,000-renovation project has been completed and the familiar dining facility is open once again.

On Monday the dining facility reopened its doors to a hungry crowd after a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its new interiors which included all new flooring, a new freezer, electrical

upgrades, and fresh paint. Out of all of the alterations, the flooring was the most expensive, but according to a survey was taken last year, the floor received the most comments and became one of the primary reasons for the entire renovation process in the first place.

"The floors look a lot cleaner," said Spc. Derek Milne, a 25B in Headquarters Company, 40th Signal Battalion. "There aren't many changes to the outside, but the inside looks neater." His first observation was the removal of the booths that used to line the floor space, which he preferred sitting in, "but it's a

good DFAC, and it's nice and conveniently located between all of the barracks."

Staff Sgt. Ronald Wilson, the Thunderbird DFAC administrative NCOIC, says that "the paint job improved the looks of the dining room and made it a better atmosphere to eat in." He believes the flooring was the most necessary out of all of the renovations, and as far as the cooking staff is concerned, says that "the new DFAC fryer will definitely help with the cooking and frying process." He wants to welcome as many people as possible to "come out and check out the new DFAC."

Several people are refer-

ring to the renovated facility as "the new DFAC," even though most will not notice any difference in appearance from the exterior of the building, and maybe not too much of a difference in the layout of the interior. The major difference in the appearance of the interior is the transition from dark, blocked off areas to light, open areas that make the eating area feel much more open and cleaner. The dark-colored carpeting has been completely removed and replaced with a light pink vinyl flooring; there are no more wooden booths or area borders with vegetative decorations, only round glass

table tops and open floor space to make it appear more open, and there seems to be more area to walk in now that there is more open space in the seating areas.

Chief Warrant Officer Kendall Brown, the brigade command food service technician, felt that the most necessary renovations were the flooring, the new freezer and painting, but he is "most impressed by the new flooring." When asked which renovations he thought the Soldiers would appreciate the most, he said "all [of them] and the fact that the DFAC is open again." The Soldiers who felt displaced by the

renovation process can now visit their familiar DFAC as easily as they could before the renovations, but Chief Warrant Officer Brown feels that the renovations "will encourage Soldiers to come to the DFAC more often ... along with the food!"

The renovations have impressed several people and made a significant difference in the atmosphere of the eating areas. Brown wanted to personally "thank all that made this project a successful one," and encourage as many people as possible to come and have a meal at the newly renovated Thunderbird DFAC.

Do-it-yourselfers save Post \$70,000

BY DAN SIMON
SCOUT STAFF

As most homeowners know, sometimes it's better to do things yourself. You don't have to worry about dealing with contractors, you can set your own schedule, and you can also manage to gain experience that helps make you more effective in the future.

Not to mention you can frequently save a bundle!

The 518th Antenna Platoon, part of Headquarters, Headquarters Company 504th Signal Battalion, was busy proving that point here recently, when the unit saved the post about \$70,000 by establishing connectivity between sites U and P out on the range.

The effort, which took the company about two weeks, also got the unit "out of the house" so to speak.

"It was good training for us," Staff Sgt. Eugene Darby said. "It got us out of the platoon area where we'd normally be doing motor pool type stuff."

The Soldiers installed both phone cabling and fiber optics for Internet access at the two sites. The job was originally supposed to be done by outside workers.

"Originally we estimated the cost of this project to be about \$80,000," said Lt. Col. Erasmo Martinez, director of the Digital Training Office.

"We were going to contract it out, but were running into problems. If we had contracted it out, we would have gone over our limits.

"This achieves synergy, using Army manpower to save money and give training for military personnel. We needed the connectivity to maintain the post's fiber optics and improve training for us."

Material costs for the project ran about \$9,000, about the same as if the job was contracted out Martinez said. The savings came in using military manpower. Labor is normally the most expensive part of such a job.

"They're laying about 7,000 feet of cable," Martinez said. "There's fiber optic and about 7,000 feet of copper wire for telephone lines.

"The beauty of it is these guys are experts at what they do. It's great to watch them work."

Connecting the two sites is important because they play a heavy role in helping prepare Soldiers for duty in the Global War on Terror.

"We train the Army's human intelligence Soldiers there," Martinez explained. "It's a very critical focus of the war right now. They're either in Iraq or going to a unit going to Iraq, so this is very critical."



Scout photo

Pfc. Michael Washington, with the 518th TIN Platoon, measures in preparation for installing hardware support. The hardware installation will then support phone and fiber optic cabling connecting Sites Uniform and Papa.

Convoy live fire training gets more realistic



Photo by Dan Simon

BY DAN SIMON
SCOUT STAFF

Live fire training here got a bit more realistic recently when a convoy firing exercise reached a new level of realism out on range 13.

In the past, convoy firing exercises

only permitted one vehicle and one shooter to go through the range at a time. This maximized safety, but created a training scenario that was unlikely to be found in real world combat.

Thanks to efforts by range control and battalion personnel, this training

will now be more realistic said Maj. Mark Moss, the S-3 for the 504th Signal Battalion. One of the unit's companies was the first to go through the new training setup.

"We're preparing for the 69th Cable Company to support OIF," Moss recounted. "They (Range Control)

asked us what we'd like to do. We asked for a scenario during blank fire where we could block and unblock an ambush.

"For the live fire we showed them what we wanted to do and got approvals from the higher ups. They built special targets for us, so we

could shoot 9mm, SAW, even the automatic weapons system on blast instead of single shot.”

Instead of one shooter in one vehicle, the convoy took the course with three vehicles and 15 riflemen shooting at pop-up targets on the course. Pyrotechnic explosions and smoke

helped make the drill more realistic too.

The improvement in training realism builds upon a goal articulated by Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast in a recent speech to community leaders. During her speech, Fast talked about how Soldiers here felt they didn't have

enough practice with their weapons and efforts would be made to give every Soldier at Fort Huachuca more training with their assigned weapon. It was also a hit with the Soldiers.

“We had two days dedicated,” Moss said. “Roughly 45 to 50 soldiers were able to go through it. We wanted

more, but other things were going on too.

“It provides them a realistic scenario, plus just getting to shoot live ammo is important. Soldiers like to send live ammo down range instead of practice. They were all pretty excited about it.”

August Post prepares for the unexpected

BY AMANDA KEITH

SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca's ability to respond to the unexpected was tested last week as the post concluded the annual mandatory Antiterrorism/Force protection exercise, held post-wide from Aug. 1 through 3.

“The overall objective [of the exercise] is to validate the installation plan,” Col. Jonathan Hunter said. “We hope to find places where the plan may be weak...the only way to validate the plan is to have an exercise.”

During the exercise, post personnel participated in various staged situations to test Fort Huachuca's response to dangerous situations.

“If [an attack] were to happen, we don't want to



be doing this for the first time,” Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast said.

One exercise that the post engaged in was a simulated domestic violence situation that escalated into a hostage situation. A woman walked in on her husband and his girlfriend; a jogger heard the disturbance and called the military police. A gun went off, and the jogger called the military police again, which is where the exercise began.

The military police arrived at the scene, carrying “safe weapons” (rubber weapons that are the size and weight of real weapons). “We can't let someone get hurt (during the exercise),” Maj. Rhett Weddell, the provost marshal and director of emergency services, said. Eventually, the SWAT team as well as Sierra Vista law enforcement arrived to help the military police defuse the situation.

Soldiers compete in second round of Military Idol



Jeffery B. Eidson, Co. B, 86th Signal Bn., performs in round two of Military Idol.

BY ROB MARTINEZ

SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca held its second stage of the Military Idol competition, but this time with a couple of new twists – music and audience voting.

The military's version of the popular TV show “American Idol,” allowed the audience to vote this time around, and the singers could have background music.

One of the judges, Sgt. First Class Jeremy Howe, from the 36th Army Band, believed the latter would inspire more interest from the audience, compared to the a capella performances from the contestants in the first round.

“They get accompaniment,” he said. “The audience will get into it better. You've got the rhythm and groove of the song.”

The audience did ‘get into it.’ Idol judge Araceli Sierra-Mandy, of the Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Com-

mand's Acquisition Center, said that there was a significant rise in audience numbers, “It'll be stand up room only next time. Look how many people are here.”

Judging for this round relied more heavily on the audience's response.

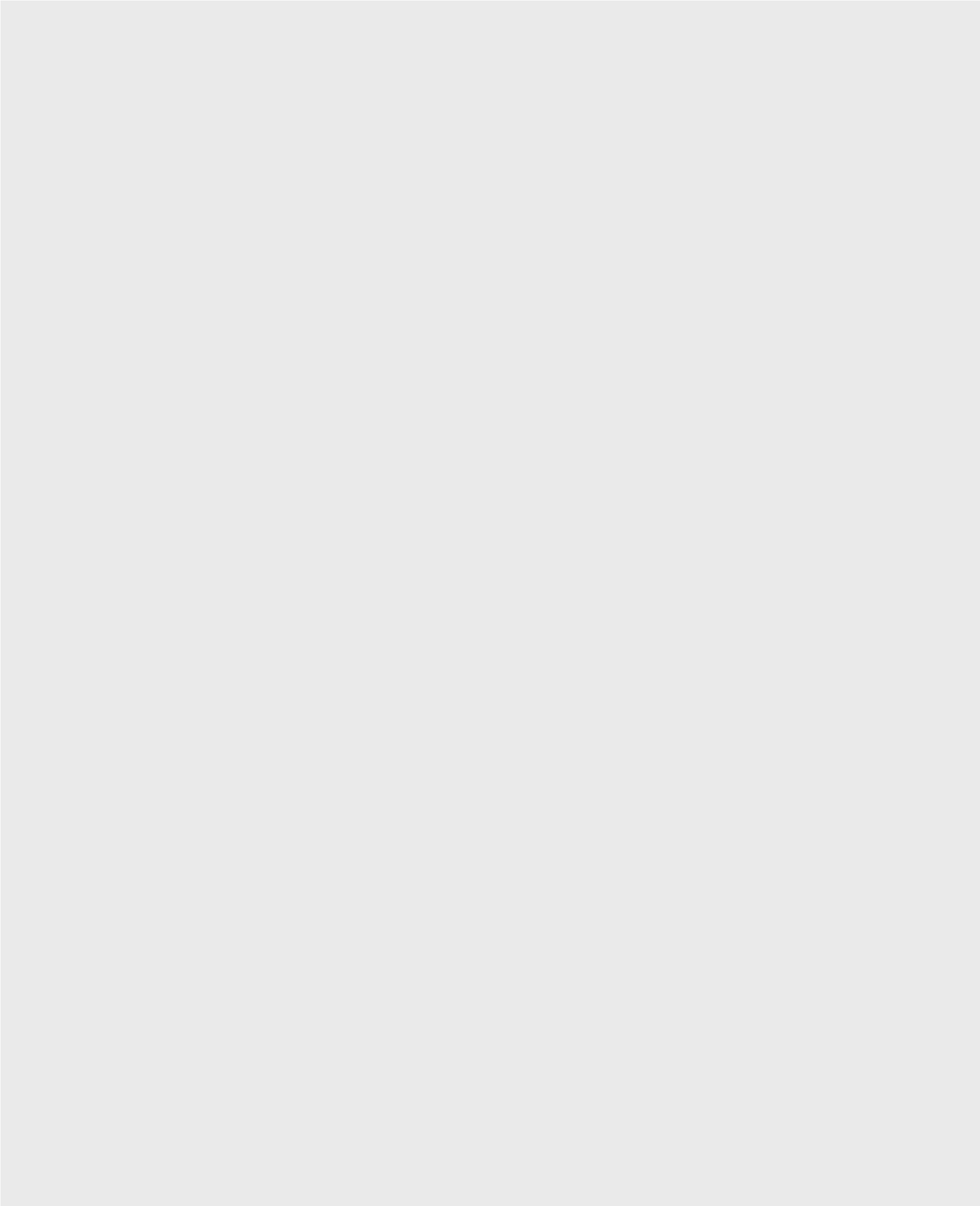
“Some can really work the audience” Sierra-Mandy said. “That's what I love. Get people standing on the chairs, you did something right.”

Expectations were high, and the age-old adage, “It gets easier the second time around” did not seem to apply to most of the singers. Specialist Laura Doty, of MEDDAC, said she was still nervous, but had realized that the other contestants were a bit nervous too. Still, she found a way to quell her apprehension; she explained, “If you're friends with the competition, it's better. I feel better now that I'm getting to know people.”

But, casualness was not her only concern, she said, “I hope they dim the lights so I look better.”

The 556th Maintenance Company's Sgt. Dushaune Gaines said she felt it was similar to the last contest, and she was grateful to her unit: “There was a lot more support. I was still nervous,” she said.

Soldiers will participate in the final round of Military Idol, 30 September 2005.





Service News



Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Vanderhorn, 37, of Pierce, Wash., died in As Sinia, Iraq, on Jan. 1, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations. Vanderhorn was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Spc. Marcelino R. Corniel, 23, of La Puente, Calif., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 31, when an enemy mortar attack occurred in the vicinity of his observation post. Corniel was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, Fullerton, Calif.

Pvt. Jonathan R. Pfender, 22, of Evansville, Ind., died in Bayji, Iraq, on Dec. 30, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations. Pfender was assigned to the Army's

1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pfc. George A. Lutz, II, 25, of Virginia Beach, Va., died in Fallujah, Iraq, on Dec. 29, when his dismounted patrol was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Lutz was assigned to the Army's 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Aaron M. Forbes, 24, of Oak Island, N.C., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 28, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Forbes was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

1st Sgt. Tobias C. Meister, 30, of Jenks, Okla., died south of Asadabad,

Afghanistan on Dec. 28, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat patrol operations. Meister was assigned to the Army Reserve's 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Texas.

Pfc. Jason D. Hasenauer, 21, of Hilton, N.Y., died near Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Dec. 28, when his HMMWV accidentally rolled over during patrol operations. Hasenauer was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Dane O. Carver, 20, of Freeport, Mich., died in Khalidiyah, Iraq on Dec. 26, when his HMMWV came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Carver was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Saginaw, Mich.

Sgt. Dominic R. Coles, 25, of

Jesup, Ga., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 26, when his HMMWV came under attack during combat operations by enemy forces using small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars. Coles was assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Two soldiers died in Baghdad, Iraq on Dec. 26, when their Apache helicopter collided with another military aircraft in mid-air and then crashed. Both soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed were:

Chief Warrant Officer Richard M. Salter, 44, of Cypress, Texas.

Chief Warrant Officer Isaias E. Santos, 28, of Ancon, Panama.

The incident is under investigation.

Two soldiers died in Baghdad,

Iraq, on Dec. 27, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their dismounted patrol. Both soldiers were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed were:

Spc. Lance S. Sage, 26, of Hempstead, N.Y.

Pvt. Joshua M. Morberg, 20, of Sparks, Nev.

Spc. Sergio Gudino, 22, of Pomona, Calif., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 25, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M1A1 tank during combat operations. Gudino was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Spc. Anthony O. Cardinal, 20, of Muskegon, Mich., died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 25, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Cardinal was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division,

Fort Stewart, Ga.

Two soldiers died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 23, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV. Both soldiers were assigned to the Army Reserve's 351st Civil Affairs Command, Mountain View, Calif.

Killed were:

Sgt. Regina C. Reali, 25, of Fresno, Calif.

Sgt. Cheyenne C. Willey, 36, of Fremont, Calif.

Two soldiers died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 22, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their position during a dismounted patrol. Both soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Killed were:

1st Lt. Benjamin T. Britt, 24, of Wheeler, Texas.

Spc. William Lopez-Feliciano, 33, of Quebradillas, Puerto Rico.

Two soldiers died in Taji, Iraq on Dec. 20, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during combat operations. Both sol-

diers were assigned to the 1st Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Killed were:

1st Lt. Michael J. Cleary, 24, of Dallas, Pa.

Spc. Richard Junior D. Naputi, 24, of Talofofo, Guam.

Sgt. Timothy R. Boyce, 29, of North Salt Lake, Utah, died at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, on Dec. 15, of a non-combat related cause. Boyce was assigned to the Maintenance Troop, Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Spc. Joseph A. Lucas, 23, of Augusta, Ga., died in Balad, Iraq on Dec. 15, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Lucas was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Sgt. 1st Class John D. Morton, 31, of Stanton, Ky., died in Shah Wali Kot, Afghanistan on Dec. 15, when his dismounted patrol came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire.

Morton was assigned to the 74th Infantry Detachment (Long Range Surveillance), 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vicenza, Italy.

Two soldiers died in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 10, as a result of enemy small arms fire. Both soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Killed were:

Staff Sgt. Travis L. Nelson, 41, of Anniston, Ala.

Sgt. Kenith Casica, 32, of Virginia Beach, Va.

Cpl. Michael B. Presley, 21, of Batesville, Miss., died Dec. 14 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany of wounds sustained from a suicide, vehicle-borne improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Fallujah, Iraq, on Dec. 12. He was assigned to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Friday Nite Laughter' coming January 13 to TMAC

Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, along with Top Bananas Entertainment, will present the "Friday Nite Laughter" Comedy Show live at 9 p.m., Jan. 13. The show will feature four first-class entertainers.

Opening the show will be Walt Maxam. Maxam is known as "Arizona's Funniest Vietnam Vet." Although Maxam is a relative newcomer to the comedy world, he has appeared at colleges and clubs throughout the states of Arizona and Colorado.

Also featured in the show will be Trinity Cole, a young comedian who performs at clubs and colleges throughout the United States.

Co-headliners will be Patrick Deguire and

Scotty Goff. DeGuire has performed frequently on national television, including Comedy Central and Que Loco on Galavision. He has also performed with George Lopez and Tommy Davidson, and overseas in Japan and Korea.

Scotty Goff has also appeared on national television numerous times, including Comedy Central and A&E's Evening at the Improv. He performs at clubs and colleges throughout the United States.

The show features adult entertainment, and is open to the public 18 and older.

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$18 at the door, and are on sale now at TMAC, Time Out, the ITR Office and Sierra Vista Safeway.

For more information, call 533-3802.



Walt
Maxam

Trinity
Cole



Patrick Deguire



Scotty Goff

Tournaments, events coming up at DL

Desert Lanes Bowling Center will hold the 3 - 6 - 9 Tournament for active duty military starting at 1 p.m., Jan. 14.

Entry fee is \$15 and there will be payout at the end of the tournament. All bowlers will receive a 30 pin handicap for each game. In the third, sixth and ninth frames, all bowlers will receive automatic strikes.

Door prizes will be given away after each game.

Participants will be required to show their military ID the day of the tournament.

Desert Lanes will host an "Age Tournament," starting at 1 p.m., Jan. 21.

This tournament is open to everyone. Participants will bowl five games across 10 lanes. Your age will be your handicap. Entry fee is \$25 and payout is one in five.

And coming soon to Desert Lanes, from 9 to 11 p.m., the first Friday of every month, will be "Friday Night Madness." For \$12 per person, bowlers will be eligible to win instant cash with color pins, and a special jackpot drawing. In addition, 100 percent of the prize fund will be returned.

For more information on any of the above events, call Gina Hohnstein at 533-2849.

Free pottery class for active duty

The MWR Arts Center will offer a free pottery class for active duty military only, noon - 2 p.m., Jan. 14, 21 and 28.

Call Riki Tarquinio at 533-2015 for more information or to register.

Buffalo Corral open for MLK holiday

Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables will be open for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Jan. 16 for open riding.

The Corral's regular hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

Thursday - Sunday. For more information, call Debra Wilson at 533-5220.

All Army Boxing returns this month

Fort Huachuca will host the 2006 All Army Boxing Championships Jan. 20 and 21 at Barnes Field House. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the bouts start at 7 p.m. Admission for both nights is free to all.

Watch the Army's best boxers, both male and female, battle it out in hard-hitting boxing competitions. For more information, call 533-3180.

'Aeroba-thon' set for Jan. 28

The Sports and Fitness Branch of MWR will hold a three-hour, non-stop "aeroba-thon" from 9 a.m. - noon, Jan. 28 at Barnes Field House. Included will be step aerobics, "Pilates," circuit training/body toning and cardio kickboxing.

Pre-registration will be available 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Jan. 23 - 27 at BFH. You can also register the day of the event.

The aeroba-thon is open to all authorized MWR patrons. Cost is \$5 per person, except for Active Duty Military for which the cost is \$3 per person. All participants will receive t-shirts. For more information, call Carrie Bradke at 533-0041.

Pilates can offer a help for many

Say goodbye to weak abs, bad posture, back pain and love handles! Pilates is the ultimate mat workout to strengthen your core muscles.

Pilates exercises combine many fluid, concentrated mat exercises, targeting the lower back muscles, glutes and especially abs, to resculpt your body and re-align your posture. Originally designed as physical therapy for injured Broadway ballet dancers, Pilates is safe on the joints (no impact), and results in graceful, long, powerful muscles.

Barnes Field House started offering classes two months ago and participants are raving about the results. The class is a big stress reliever, and participants are already seeing visible results.

"I have noticed a shrinkage in body fat," states student Catherine UMBERGER.

Retired Military Officer Paul Weishaupt said, "Pilates has really helped with a past back injury."

Instructor Nicole Hoepner, has been teaching Pilates and other fitness classes for the past 5 years in Germany, Korea and the United States.

Hoepner encourages everyone interested in improving their health to incorporate Pilates into a varied, well-balanced fitness regime, including cardio, and weight training.

"I love to power-walk, do weights, rock-climb, and do Pilates," she stated. "Find a few fun sports, things you really love to do, and keep your passion alive for those sports by varying your routines, cross-training, joining a buddy and trying out new things!"

If you've never tried Pilates, here's your chance. Classes are held 9 - 10 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, and at 5:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, at Barnes Field House.

Cost is \$3 for MWR patrons or \$1 for Active Duty military only. No equipment is needed, but participants are advised to dress comfortably. For more information, call Carrie Bradke at 533-0041.



Pilates instructor Nicole Hoepner, foreground, is shown with Paul Weishaupt, center, and Suzette Strong, far right.



Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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September

NETCOM/9th ASC welcomes new leader

SCOUT REPORTS

Signal Soldiers from around the world converged on Fort Huachuca to bid farewell to a retiring leader, and welcome aboard a new one. Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton relinquished command of Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command to Brig. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett on Brown Parade Field, Wednesday.

Hylton took command of the U.S. Army Signal Command in July 2001 and remained its commanding general when the unit was redesignated NETCOM/9th ASC October 2002. The command is responsible for operating, managing and defending the Army's infostructure at the enterprise level, while at the same time operating, sustaining, and defending the Army's portion of the Global Information Grid, enabling force projection and the delivery of decisive combat power.

During Hylton's tenure, NETCOM/9th ASC personnel have participated in operations and exercises throughout the world, to include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Cobra Gold, Joint Guardian and Joint Forge/Dynamic Response. They have also provided

signal support when the tsunami hit Southwest Asia, and hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Gulf Coast.

"A sincere heartfelt thanks to each of you – you have made a difference – you have indeed been the 'Voice of the Army,'" Hylton told the Soldiers, civilians and contractors of NETCOM/9th ASC. "It has been a humbling and distinct honor to have served along side each of you, I will never forget what you have achieved when our nation and Army demanded much of you."

Immediately following the change-of-command ceremony, Hylton ended almost 34 years of Army service with a retirement ceremony.

Pollett, a career signal officer with almost 30 years in the Army, takes command of NETCOM/9th ASC after commanding the 5th Signal Command in Mannheim, Germany, for the past two-and-a-half years.

"We are living in challenging times with our Army at war," said Pollett. "We must move forward aggressively to ensure the Army network enterprise enables the warfighter by leveraging technology, while transforming to significantly enhance our capabilities at the strategic, operational and tactical levels of execution."



Desert Thunder big hit at BFH

With the words "Let's get ready to rumble," 22 boxers from Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista went toe-to-toe before a rowdy crowd at Barnes Field House. The event, sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation, was the culmination of an eight-week amateur boxing program and had all the trappings of a professionally produced fight card.



Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, chief information officer/G-6, Maj. Gen. James Hylton, out-going commander, and Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, incoming commander, render honors during the National Anthem.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Trtoth

October

Soldiers volunteer to renovate facilities

BY THOM WILLIAMS

SCOUT STAFF

111th Military Intelligence Brigade Soldiers teamed with the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation to renovate skeet and trap ranges at the Fort Huachuca Sportsman Center.

Three of the facilities' five ranges had fallen into disrepair with the safety walls separating the ranges threatening to collapse.

"We didn't have the resources to put [the ranges] back together, so we are providing the material and they are providing the expertise and the manpower to get this stuff back up so the Soldiers can use it again," said Josh Gwinn, chief recreation division, MWR.

"\$6,000 is all we're talking about in materials, we've got the machines and the houses are OK," Gwinn added. "The cost would probably triple if we went downtown and brought someone else in."

Some of the Soldiers taking part in the range renovation are mobilized reservists from Detachment 4, 2/84th Military Intelligence Battalion out of Fort McCoy, Wis. and have been attached to the 111th MI Bde. since January 2004.

"A number of us shoot trap and skeet and we want to make it [the skeet and trap range] a class act and give the other Soldiers in the area something to do on their time off," said Sgt. Maj. Bob Pinter, of the 2/84th MI Bn.

"MWR has gladly accepted our help and they are paying for the materials, so what we are going to do is tear the walls down and put up new ones, then refurbish the trap houses," Pinter added.

The Soldiers of 2/84th have a history of lending a helping hand during their mobilization at Fort Huachuca.

Last year, the Southwest Association of Buffalo Soldiers needed assistance cleaning up the Mountain View Black Officers' Club, also known as Building 66050, and preparing it for preservation and renovation. The reserve Soldiers spent their weekends and evenings helping the group.

"Some of the other units also provided volunteers to help us do it, we didn't do it all by ourselves, so it really was a 111th Military Intelligence Bri-

gade consolidated project," Pinter said.

When the reserve unit needed a quick react range for Intelligence School students, Soldiers from the unit found out from range control that Range 4A had been scheduled for demolition. The reservists once again stepped up to the plate and refurbished the facility. The unit's patch is now prominently displayed on one of the structures on the range.

Earlier this year, the Fort Huachuca Main Post Chapel needed help replenishing the food locker it maintains. Soldiers from the 2/84th heard the call and donated more than \$500 in food stuffs to the program.

Most of the members of the reserve battalion serve as instructors at the Intelligence Center. Pinter added that many of the Soldiers also are active in local churches and are members of B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial).

Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown: Sierra Vista turns 50 in 20 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

As a recap for the past year the Scout staff offers this abbreviated month-by-month sampling from 1955.

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout", January 5, 1956

Special Services and the Huachuca Scout sponsored a joint "Name the Team" contest. The contest was held to select a single name for all athletic teams representing Fort Huachuca.

Pfc. Ronald H. Gold, 505th Signal Group, became the 1000th man to register for USAFI courses at Fort Huachuca. The 208th Signal Company, commanded by 1st Lt. Glen W. Lewis, became one of the first maneuver units on post for this year, when they left on the 19th of January for "Exercise Follow Me," at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Brigadier General Emil Lenzner, Post Commander, left for Colmar, France where he was to be a representative of the United States and the Department of the Army in ceremonies commemorating the 10th anniversary of the battle of Alsace.

293d Signal Company, commanded by 1st Lt. Everett D. Richards, left for "Exercise Bluebolt," at Fort Hood, Texas. Pfc. Henry Foley, Hq. Det. 303rd Signal Battalion, won a \$25 Savings Bond for winning the "Name the Team" contest. His selection was the now-familiar "Raiders."

February - Proof was given the claim that Fort Huachuca has the world's largest beach when the Navy "landed" here the first week in February. Nine officers and 15 enlisted men from Coronado Naval Amphibious toured the post and viewed various demonstrations.

The announcement was made that the University of Arizona would offer regular college credit courses

at the Post Education Center.

Brigadier General Lenzner, Post Commander, who served at Fort Bliss, Texas from 1935 to 1937 received a letter from Governor Allen Shivers making him an honorary citizen of the Lone Star state.

March - Members of the 514th Signal Company departed on the 3rd for California and "Exercise Surfboard." Members of the 232 Signal Company took part in "Desert Rock," a maneuver featuring an atomic explosion and attempts to prove that radiation can be held to safe limits under good conditions.

The Raiders' hoop squad won over Fort Lawton, Washington to move into the semi-finals of the Sixth Army championship semi-finals held at Yuma.

A driver's refresher training course was initiated at the post for those people who don't know how to drive and for those whose driving performances indicated need of further training.

April - Effects of the \$745,000,000 wage increase voted for members of the Armed Forces were expected to be "felt" here in April.

Easter Sunrise Services were held on Cavalry Hill at 5:45 a.m. Reverend Raymond Anderson of the First Baptist Church in Bisbee was the guest speaker. The 72nd Signal Battalion received its colors in a parade on the post parade field. Lt. Col. L. V. Merle was the commanding officer of the 72nd. Brigadier General Emil Lenzner announced the planned construction of a bowling alley and craft shop, slated for the fiscal year 1957.

Colonel Earle F. Cook, Deputy Post Commander, received notice of his transfer as Commanding Officer of the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Brigadier General Emil Lenzner was promoted to the permanent rank of Brigadier General.

May - Post Education Advisor John Houston received word that Fort Huachuca nailed down 34 percent of the USAFI courses completed in the Sixth Army area.

Lt. Col. James A. McClung was given the colors signifying the command when he took over the 72nd Signal Battalion replacing Lt. Col. Leo V. Merle. Armed Forces Day held the spotlight on the Post on May 19th. Mrs. Will C. Barnes, widow of a Congressional Medal of Honor winner, received a certificate from Brig. Gen. Emil Lenzner.

June - The June 16th issue of the Huachuca Scout was the First Anniversary issue of the paper. Also in this month Fort Huachuca helped celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Signal Corps.

July - Captain Frank B. Noble, former college and professional star, and veteran Army coach, was named as coach of the first Raider football team. The 62nd Signal Company won the post softball championship by defeating the 56th Signal Company 10-2.

Two huge 60-pound birthday cakes marked the 60th anniversary of the PX system.

August - Biggest news of the summer was the promotion of Brigadier General Emil Lenzner to the rank of Major General. The Post Commander entered the

Army in 1917 as a private. He attained the rank of sergeant and then in 1920 entered West Point where he was graduated and commissioned a 2nd Lt.

Lovely Irene Goodale, program assistant at the Service Club, was named as Fort Huachuca's official candidate in the Cochise County Fair contest.

On the 14th, the Arizona National Guard began their annual two-week encampment here on post. Col. Frederick R. Stofft, Commanding Officer of the 158th Regimental Combat Team termed the summer meeting the "best summer training camp we ever participated in."

September - Major William H. Walker, who died in a North Korean prison camp in 1951 was laid to rest August 29th at the Post Cemetery, with full military ceremonies and honors. Major General James D. O'Connell, Chief Signal Officer United States Army, arrived at Fort Huachuca for a three-day inspection and visit.

The Raiders football team opened the season with a smashing 55-0 win over El Paso. The Service Club celebrated its first anniversary with a dance.

October - Fort Huachuca was honored by the visit of seven U.S. Army Generals at the same time early in the month. They were here for a two-day inspection.

The 72d Signal Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. James A. McClung, pulled out for "Exercise Sagebrush," the largest joint service maneuver since World War II. The 72d was the first EW battalion to participate in a maneuver, though elements of EW companies or battalions had taken part in prior maneuvers. Tombstone echoed with shouts, shots and song as they celebrated their annual "Helldorado" week.

General Maxwell D. Taylor, Army Chief of Staff, was the honored guest for the month of October. The chief of staff was greeted by a 17-gun salute. He spent the afternoon inspecting four demonstrations by technical and EW units.

November - The Huachuca Scout gained a new staff early in the month when Sp.-3 Stan Bickman took over as editor and Sp.-3 Dick Deneut and Pfc. Phil Bettens were named as staff writers.

The newly organized First Signal Group NCO Academy graduated 24 men in its initial class. Pfc. Hugh Louderback, 514th Signal Company, was named coach of the 1955-56 Raider basketball team.

The football team climaxed its highly successful season with a pair of upsets over Edwards Air Force Base, 27-7, and powerful Presidio of San Francisco, 35-21. The post intramural basketball champs for 1955 were the men of the 514th Signal Company.

December - Major General Emil Lenzner, Post Commander, announced the appointment of nine officers to new staff positions.

Special Services announced the set-up of an "R and R" program for the Post. A lease was acquired on a former boy's ranch, and converted into a five-day TDY rest center for post personnel.

306th MI Battalion cases colors for the last time

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

The 306th Military Intelligence Battalion cased its colors for the last time during its deactivation ceremony Friday on Brown Parade Field.

During its 61-year tenor in the Army, the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion wore many titles. It was constituted in the United States Army on December 16, 1944 as the 3910th Signal Service Company. From there, the 306th MI Bn. was renamed as the 303rd Signal Service Company, allotted to the Organized Reserves assigned to the Second Army.

Following that assignment,

the 306th MI Bn. was designated as the 303rd Signal Radio Intelligence Company and later reorganized as the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 306th Communication Reconnaissance Battalion.

After being called to active duty on May 1, 1951 and released on May 16, 1955, the 306th MI Bn. was then reorganized as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 306th Communication Reconnaissance Battalion.

Inactivated and relieved from assignment to the Second Army, the 306th MI Bn. received the name that it wears now.

Moving from the Reserves

to the Regular Army, Headquarters transferred on May 18, 1990 to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command and organized at Fort Devens, Mass. to Fort Huachuca as the Garrison Battalion on Oct. 29, 1992.

Reorganized under the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade and then reorganized under the 111th MI Bde.

"It has been an honor and privilege to with such an outstanding group of individuals," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Diller, 306th MI Bn. commander.

The 306th MI Bn. is responsible for over 150 mobile training teams, the most in the Army, said Col. Thomas M. Kelley, 111th MI Brigade commander.



Photo by Spc. Marcus Butler

Command Sgt. Maj. Sharon D. Golden receives the cased colors from Col. Kelly during the 306th MI Bn. deactivation ceremony.

"The Soldiers, civilians and contractors have put the military intelligence profession at the top of the field," Kelley said.

"The 306th has done a magnificent job," Diller said. "We are gone, but not forgotten."

November

Fort Soldier excels at Ironman World Championship

SCOUT REPORTS

Matt Lorenz, a Soldier from Fort Huachuca, finished in the top 15 percent at the grueling 140.6-mile Ford Ironman Triathlon World Championships in Kona, Hawaii on Oct. 15.

Lorenz, 33, U.S. Army Intelligence Center, finished in 55th place in the 30 to-34 year old age group and 226th in the overall race that included more than 1,700 competitors.

The Ironman event includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a traditional 26.2-mile marathon.

The St. Louis, Mo., native arrived in Kona with his girlfriend and fellow competitor, Kathleen Vedock of Sierra Vista, four days before race day in order to familiarize himself with the course.

Lorenz was able to shave more than 19 minutes off his Ironman performance in Tempe, Ariz., where he qualified for the World Championship.

Faris Al-Sultan from Munich, Germany won the race with a time of 8:14:17.

Meanwhile, his companion, Kathleen Vedock, was out on the course about 3-and-a-half hours behind Lorenz.

Live updates of a contestant's location on the race course could be found on the Ironman Web site, so Lorenz's friend in Albuquerque, N.M., kept him informed of Vedock's progress with phone calls.

Vedock crossed the finish line with a time of 13:15:26 good enough for 73rd place in her age group and Lorenz decided to take advantage of the situation.

"I said OK this is it, I guess she's probably got the least blood in her head right now since I've known her, so I might as well do it," the member of the Armed Forces Cycling team said. "So I dropped to one knee, said, 'Hey baby, let's (get married).' She smiled and cried, so I took that as a 'yes.'"

In hindsight, Lorenz said he is happy with his performance and is already signed up for Ironman Arizona next April.

He felt the hardest part of the race was the swimming portion.

"Every body part of mine got kicked, and I did my fair share of kicking, but if you don't freak out and just focus on what you are doing and remind yourself a couple of times that this is supposed to be fun, you'll be OK," he said.



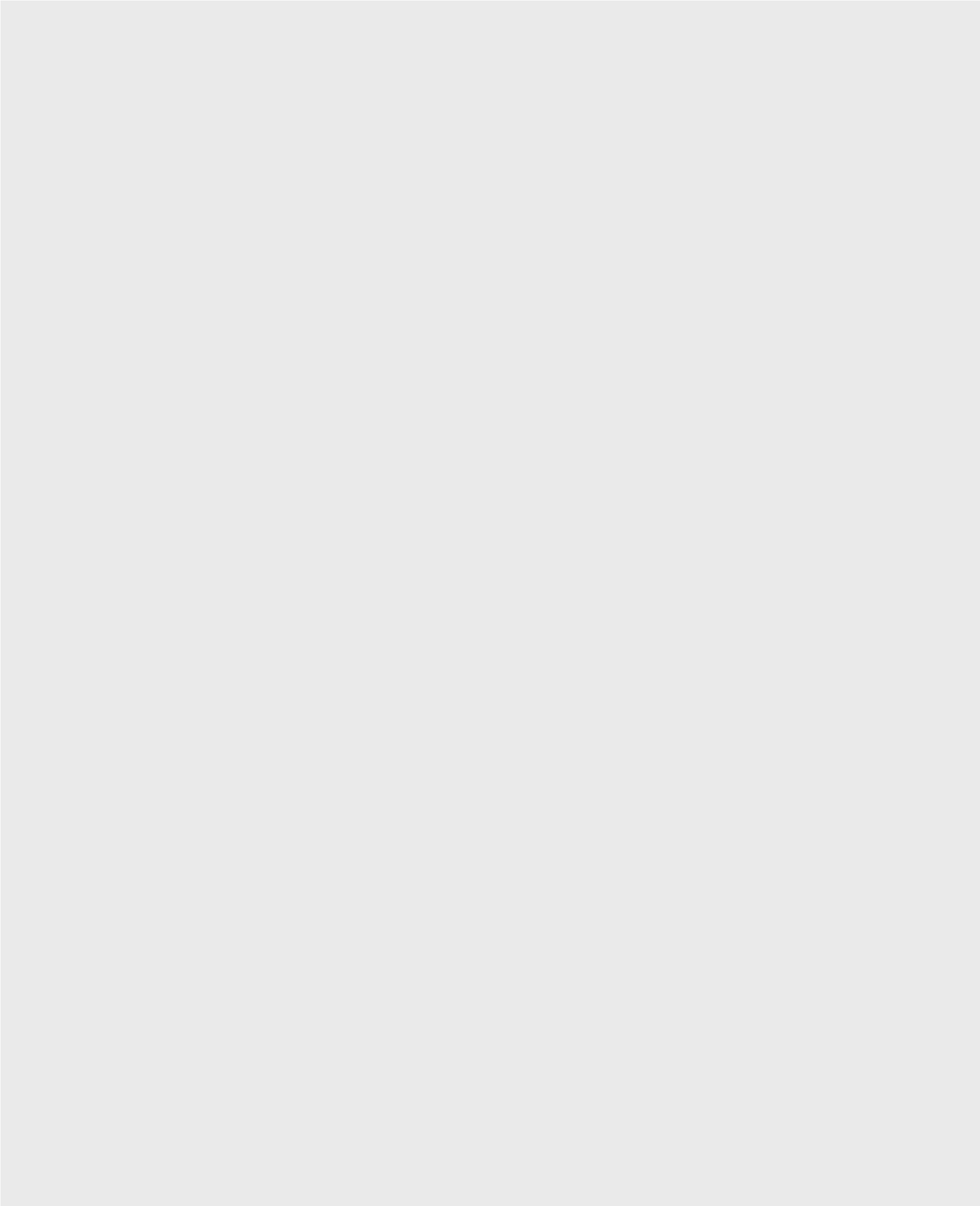
Photo by Dan Simon

Matt Lorenz, a Soldier assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, trains in Fort Huachuca's Garden Canyon for an upcoming event. The 33-year-old athlete competed in the Ford Ironman Triathlon World Championships in Kona, Hawaii.

Veterans Day Parade

Photos by 1st. Lt. Andrea Pratt





Range Closures

Today-AG, AM, AP, AU, AW, T1, T2
 Friday - AP, AU, AW, T1, T2
 Saturday - AG, AP, AU, AW, T1, T2
 Sunday - AP, AU, AW, T1, T2
 Monday 09 Jan- AP, AU, T1, T2
 Tuesday 10 Jan- AP, AU, AW, T1, T2
 Wednesday 11 Jan- AP, AU, AW, T1, T2,
 Contact Range Control at 533-7095.
 Closures are subject to change.

Free puppetry workshop

The Army Community Service "Kids on the Block" program offers a free puppetry workshop 1 - 3 p.m. and again, 5 - 7 p.m., Jan. 9.

The class teaches a Japanese form of Banraku Puppet Theater. Students can use the knowledge they gain to put on puppet shows for their children, or they can volunteer for the KOTB program. KOTB is an educational puppet troupe that puts on puppet shows for area children on a variety of social issues and safety topics.

For more information, call Mary Lampher at 533-2993 or ACS at 533-2330.

Annual AFAP conferences this month

The annual Army Family Action Plan Conference will be held Jan. 25 - 27

at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

AFAP is the process that gives Soldiers and their families a voice. Conference participants take an active role in maintaining a quality standard of living within the Army. AFAP starts with people submitting issues, concerns or problems to the local AFAP Office.

AFAP issue boxes have been distributed throughout the post, and forms are available at these boxes. Everyone is encouraged to participate by completing one of these forms.

Guidelines for submitting an issue are as follows: There is no limit to the number of issues you may submit, but submit just one issue per sheet. Make sure that the issue has a community-wide impact and is not merely a personal problem. And, finally, suggest a solution to the issue.

The conference will discuss the issues that are submitted, determining those that can be fixed within the local community, and those that need to be forwarded for higher level attention. Approximately 90 percent of issues are retained and worked at the local level.

Active and Reserve Component Soldiers and their families, retirees, surviving spouses, teens and Department of the Army civilians are invited to participate in any of the following roles: delegate, facilitator, recorder, transcriber, subject matter expert and administrative support.

Fort Huachuca teens also have a chance to make a difference by becoming

a part of the Teen Army Family Action Plan Conference, to be held Jan. 21 at the Youth Services Building, Cushing Street.

If you are interested in making a difference, plan now to participate in one of the AFAP conferences.

For more information or to volunteer, call Cheryl Patterson at 533-3686 or Army Community Service at 533-2330, or e-mail: cheryl.patterson2@hua.army.mil.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The RAD will be held 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., January 20 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. Enjoy a Chicken & Fish Buffet Lunch for \$7, and listen to guest speakers covering retiree interests. The buffet is open to the public as well.

Vendors sought for Nursing Career Day

The Cochise College Nursing Department is looking for vendors to participate in Nursing Career Day to be held Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Sierra Vista Campus. The Career Day will be 1 to 4 p.m. in the library commons and will allow participants to network with about 100 nursing students. Vendor registration includes a six-foot table, Internet access, and limited electricity. For more information, call (520) 417-4074.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The RAD will be held 8:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m., January 20 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. Enjoy a Chicken & Fish Buffet Lunch for \$7, and listen to guest speakers covering a wide range of retiree interests. The buffet is open to the public as well.

Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Military Equal Opportunity Office presents "One Race; One World; One Voice," a concert featuring performances by several church choirs from the community, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on January 15 at the Main Post Chapel. Kino Chapel will host a buffet following the event at Murr Community Center from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call the Military Equal Opportunity Office 533-3696/5305, the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade EEO 533-3672, the NETCOM EEO 538-0909 or the 11th Signal Brigade EEO 533-5502.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Winter Kick-off Program

All ladies are invited to the fellowship, and Winter Bible study sign-up meeting, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, at the Main Post Chapel. Care is available for children six months to five years old, and a program is offered for school age children. For more information, contact Lisa Chestnut at 520-249-7683.

Pets Of The Week



Brandi is a beautiful 2-year-old spayed red and white Australian Shepherd. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.



Snow White is a medium-sized pure-white gorgeous red-eyed rabbit. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:



Today -7 p.m.

Zathura

PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.

Walk The Line

PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

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Sunday -2 p.m.

Harry Potter: Goblet of Fire

PG-13

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



December

USAIC & Fort Huachuca Change of responsibility



Photo by Esau Lolis

U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commander Maj. Gen. Barbara J. Fast presents the Post Guidon to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin A. Saunders. U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca commander Maj. Gen. Barbara J. Fast presents the Post Guidon to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin A. Saunders. USAIC and Fort Huachuca Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Haubrich relinquished responsibility to Saunders in a ceremony at Brown Parade Field December 2. Haubrich retired after serving thirty years of active duty.

Holiday Tour of Homes

SCOUT REPORTS

Residents of Fort Huachuca's "Old Post" gave the public a look at what December might have been like in the late 1800s, during the 15th Annual Holiday Tour of Historic Homes.

Musicians serenaded visitors with holiday music while B-Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Memorial Soldiers in period dress and active-duty service-members greeted visitors to the historic residences.

Tour partici-

pants had a rare four-hours to look inside twelve historic homes decorated by the current residents, with items collected during their travels with the military.

Chilly temperatures, a brisk breeze and the glow of luminaries added to an atmosphere that transformed "Colonel's Row" on Grier-son Avenue into a Southwestern Currier and Ives lithograph.

"I think it's lovely," said Bev Kreifeldt from Green Valley, Ariz.



Photo by Thom Williams

"It makes the military seem more human; you see their homes. It's really been a privilege."

"The residents got thanked by a lot of the people who came to the tour for serving their country, and so they were very

touched," said Nicole Barnard, publicity chairperson for the Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club.

"We just about doubled the sales from last year which is wonderful because that all goes back to scholarships," she said.

